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SUBJECT: SPECIAL ASSISTANT RICHARD S. WELCH KILLED BY GUNMEN

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1. COORDINATION MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS (WHO IS SENIOR MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS WHO WENT TO CORFU YESTERDAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS), HAS JUST TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR AND GIVEN HIM TEXT OF STATEMENT BEING RELEASED TO THE PRESS BY THE GOG ON THE DEATH OF RICHARD S. WELCH. THE ESSENCE OF THE TEXT, IN FREE TRANSLATION FROM GREEK TO ENGLISH, IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THESE COWARDLY KILLERS DO NOT BELONG -- AT LEAST MORALLY -- TO THE GREEK PEOPLE, WHOSE HONOR AND NATIONAL INTEREST THEY HAVE PURPOSELY ATTEMPTED TO OFFEND. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE GOG AND THE AUTHORITIES OF THE GREEK STATE WILL DO THEIR UTMOST TO DISCOVER THE PERPETRATORS OF THIS ABOMINABLE MURDER. THE MINISTERS OF COORDINATION AND NATIONAL  
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DEFENSE IN ATHENS, UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE

PRIME MINISTER, VISITED THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND  
EXPRESSED THEIR DEEPEST REGRET FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED,  
AS DID THE DIPLOMATIC COUNSELOR OF THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC. END TEXT.  
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